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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Feng Wen Sun et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
ENCODING DATA FOR TRANSMISSION
IN A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below, and consider the following:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8-11 as follows.

8. (Amended) A method for encoding data for transmission in a communication system

DE comprising the steps of:

partitioning a set of orthogonal codes into a subset with a plurality of members;